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**May 25, 2017**

## **Holiday Schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29**

**County Offices** – closed

**Libraries** – closed

**County Liquor stores** – all stores will be open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Recreation** –all indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities will close at 6 p.m.; administrative offices, senior centers and community recreation centers will be closed

**Montgomery Parks** - Information available at <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

**Ride On** – will operate on a Sunday schedule. Information is available at this link: [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/holiday\\_schedules.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/holiday_schedules.html).

**Metrorail** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**Metrobus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**TRiPS Commuter Stores** (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

**Refuse/recycling pickup** – no collection, all collections scheduled on or after the holiday will be made one day later in the week

**The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** - closed Memorial Day; will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30. The Public Unloading Facility at the Route 355 (Frederick Road) entrance will operate normal operating hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free

**MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices** – closed

**State offices and courts** – closed

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## **Montgomery County Department of Recreation Outdoor Pools to Open Memorial Day Weekend!**

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation announces the season opening of its seven outdoor pools at **noon on Saturday, May 27**. For more information about the pools, see press release [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21123](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21123) and the website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/thingstodo/aquatics/outdoor.html>

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**Montgomery County Public Libraries' Community Conversation Speaker Series**

**features Author Hena Khan**

**Sunday, June 4 4:00pm**

**Silver Spring Library**

**900 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring**

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will present author Hena Khan as part of the Contemporary Conversations @ Montgomery County Public Libraries series. Khan is the author of [It's Ramadan, Curious George](#), which made international headlines when published. Other noted works include [Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns](#), a 2013 ALA Notable Book and a 2013 Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year, and of [The Night of the Moon](#), a booklist 2009 Top 10 Religion Book for Youth.

The event is free but registration is required. To register go to <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/>.

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***CANCELLED***  
**~~UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting~~**  
**~~Monday, June 5 7:00pm~~**

***... instead, you are encouraged to attend the following:***

**Wireless Telecommunications Community Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 14 7:00pm**

**Executive Office Building, Cafeteria**

**101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

Instead of meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's Land Use Committee encourages the community to join them in attending the County's meeting that will discuss telecommunication facilities that include small cell towers.

In addition, discussion will include a proposed zoning text amendment (ZTA) that drafts "changes to our telecommunications siting policy to address microtower and small cell antennas in our community . . ." "The ZTA will seek to balance the federal mandate to allow wireless providers to provide service in all communities while protecting our residential neighborhoods." Montgomery County has also pushed the National Association of Counties (NACo) "to defend counties from attacks on local zoning authority for Small Cell facilities."

County Executive Leggett and the County Council filed comments with the FCC in March. Mr. Leggett and Council members were then joined by our Congressional leaders in a recent meeting with FCC officials.

[Click here](#) for full Press Release [Click here](#) for County Executive Leggett's memo to residents

For information and updates on efforts to bring connectivity to Montgomery County,  
visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/towers](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/towers)

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## **Do you know about “Senior Planet Montgomery?”**

County officials recently attended the graduation ceremony for [Senior Planet Montgomery's](#) Class of 2017. Senior Planet Montgomery is part of the County's **ultraMontgomery** initiative. The program aims to teach older adults to use technology to increase self-sufficiency and grow the market for digital services among the 20 percent of the County that is 60 years old or older, and to expand employment and entrepreneurship among older adults. This is the second cadre of older adult technology graduates who have completed a 10-week technology course.

For more details about the program, visit <https://seniorplanet.org/senior-planet-montgomery-county>

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## **Montgomery County Council Unanimously Approves \$5.4 billion Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018**

*(July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)*

The Council voted unanimously today to approve the operating budget for the next fiscal year. In general, the operating budget covers services and programs and some special initiatives. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. For details on what will be funded, see press release

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21126](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21126)

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## **Montgomery County Receives 31 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards**

To see the list of departments that received awards, visit

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21122](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21122)

To read more about the awards, visit

<http://www.naco.org/blog/2017-achievement-award-winners-announced>

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## **County Council to hold Public Hearing on Advocacy Services for Tenants**

**Tuesday, June 13 1:30pm**

**Council Office Building, Third Floor Hearing Room  
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 17-17 that would require the director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide certain advocacy services and assistance to tenants. The bill also would set the amount of the annual license fee per dwelling unit for each class of rental housing and generally amend the law related to landlord-tenant relations.

The public hearing will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM) on Cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast; Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN; and Channel 30 on Verizon. The hearing also will be available live via streaming through the Council web site at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up online at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html> or by calling 240-777-7803. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill.

***The deadline to sign up is 5:00pm on Monday, June 12.***

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## Results of Street Smart Pedestrian Enforcement

As part of Montgomery County's participation in the regional Street Smart pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign, Montgomery County Police (MCPD) held three simultaneous pedestrian enforcements focusing on drivers' responsibility to obey traffic laws regarding pedestrians using marked crosswalks.

The enforcements took place between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at:

- Route 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) and Chase Avenue in Bethesda
- Route 355 (Frederick Road) at Gunners Branch Road in Germantown
- Route 28 (Veirs Mill Road) and Dodge Street in Rockville

And the results...

A total of 76 citations and 17 warnings were issued

- 52 citations in Bethesda (most citations, worst compliance to crosswalk pedestrian laws)
- 5 citations in Germantown (least citations, best compliance to pedestrian laws)
- 19 citations in Rockville

Visit [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21124](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21124) for special tips!

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## Healthy Montgomery Seeks Community Comment on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

The Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee invites residents to review and make comments on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP provides a summary of priorities that will guide the work of Healthy Montgomery for the next three years. Healthy Montgomery, the County's Community Health Improvement Process, was launched in June 2009, and is an ongoing effort that brings together a broad range of individuals representing County government agencies, the five community hospitals, minority health programs/initiatives, advocacy groups, academic institutions and the health insurance community to develop action plans to improve the health and well-being of all Montgomery County residents, especially groups most at risk for poor health.

Residents are asked to provide comments by Friday, June 30, 2017. A copy of the report and the feedback survey can be found online at [HealthyMontgomery.Org](http://HealthyMontgomery.Org).

Healthy Montgomery's [website](#) is a one-stop online source for population-based data and information about community health and the social and environmental determinants of health. The website provides data and information on more than 90 topics related to the health and well-being of the community and its residents. Data on the website assists County policy makers and partners in identifying key priority areas and helps guide decisions about strategies to meet various needs.

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## Leggett Joins Nonprofit Partners to Announce Citizenship Initiative

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett announced that the County will engage in a Citizenship Initiative in partnership with six local nonprofit organizations to promote and help nearly 60,000 eligible residents in the County to become U.S. Citizens. The County has joined [Cities for Citizenship](#) and the Naturalize Now! Summer Citizenship Campaign, a coordinated naturalization outreach effort to encourage eligible community members to naturalize this year.

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## ***Upcounty Road Projects . . .***

**Closure of Kingstead Road** (*Damascus/Clarksburg area*) – A scheduled removal of two deteriorated storm drain pipe culverts is underway in the vicinity of Little Bennett Creek. During a routine inspection, Montgomery County DOT (MCDOT) found that existing metal pipes have deteriorated and need replacement. The failed pipes will be replaced with new concrete ones which will improve storm water drainage and help to prevent further erosion to the Little Bennett Creek area. These repairs require the closure of a small section of Kingstead Road. The project should take two months to complete, weather permitting. Road closure and detour signs are in place to alert and direct drivers and pedestrians of an alternative route. MCDOT will make every effort to expedite the work toward completion with the least amount of inconvenience to nearby residents. If you have questions, please contact: Josh Faust, Public Outreach Manager, 240-777-7642.

**Westerly Road – Surface Treatment** (*Gaithersburg West area*) – Generally, the work will include roadway base repair, crack sealing, chipseal resurfacing, sweeping of residual aggregate, and replacement of roadway lane markings. Weather permitting, all construction should be completed by the end of Summer/Fall 2017. Working hours for this project will be 9am-3pm, Monday through Friday. Construction will be permitted on Saturdays, if necessary, to expedite completion. If questions, please contact Program Manager Donald Noble at 240-777-7601.

**Fox Ridge Estates – Patching Project** (*Damascus area*) – Full-depth permanent patching is scheduled to begin in late May and should be completed in two weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be 7am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Street patching will require daily short-term parking restrictions. “No Parking” signs will be posted with planned dates for patching. Parking restrictions are only valid from 7am-5pm. DOT intends to maintain continuous traffic at all times using lane closures and/or alternating one-way traffic patterns. However, minor traffic delays may be necessary. Access to residences will be available at all times; however minor delays may occur as workers restrict traffic from freshly-placed hot mix asphalt. Generally speaking, this work is best characterized as noisy and disruptive, but DOT will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences. If questions, please contact Project Manager Nick Boone at 240-777-7648.

**Flower Hill – Residential Roadway Resurfacing Project** (*Gaithersburg East area*) – Generally, this work includes a survey, full-depth patching, pavement milling/edge milling, paving with hot mix asphalt, and replacement of roadway lane markings. This work is scheduled to begin in June 2017 and will take seven (7) weeks to complete, weather permitting and other operational requirements permitting. Work hours will be 7am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Street paving will require short-term parking restriction, but DOT intends to maintain continuous traffic patterns using lane closures and/or alternating one-way patterns. Access to residences will be available at all times, however minor delays may occur as workers restrict traffic from freshly-placed hot mix asphalt. This work is generally considered to be noisy and disruptive and DOT will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences. If questions, please contact Project Nick Boone at 240-777-7648.

**Trundle Road – Chipseal Surface Treatment Project** (*Poolesville area*) – Generally, this work includes roadway base repair, crack sealing, chipseal resurfacing, sweeping of residual aggregate, and replacement of roadway lane markings. Full-depth patching is scheduled to begin in June 2017. The chipseal resurfacing will occur in August 2017 after prep work has been completed. Weather permitting, all construction should be completed by the end of the summer 2017. Work hours for this project will be 9am-3pm, Monday through Friday, however construction will be permitted on Saturdays, if necessary, to expedite the completion. This work is generally considered to be noisy and disruptive and DOT will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences. If questions, please contact Project Manager James Schools-Bey at 240-777-7630.

*To get more details on each project, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-highway/index.html> and click on the noted area on the colored map. You will then see a listing of projects for that area.*

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*A message from Metro . . .*

### **Weekend Track Work, May 27-May 29, 2017 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

Reconstruction of the Metrorail system will continue over this weekend. More information about this weekend's track work can be found at [wmata.com](http://wmata.com).

#### **Red Line: Brookland-CUA – NoMa-Gallaudet U Shutdown**

**7:00 a.m. Saturday, May 27 – closing, Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)**

- **Station Closed: Rhode Island Ave**
  - Limited free shuttle buses will replace trains. *Please add 12-15 minutes of travel time for each station stop.*
- Red Line trains will operate in two segments:
  - Between Shady Grove & NoMa-Gallaudet U every 10 minutes
  - Between Brookland-CUA & Glenmont every 15 minutes.
- Red Line customers are encouraged to avoid shuttle buses by transferring to Green Line trains at Gallery Place and Fort Totten. Metro recommends using shuttles only for travel to/from Rhode Island Ave.
- Note that SafeTrack Surge #15 is still in effect on the Orange Line. For more information about Surge #15, visit [wmata.com/safetrack](http://wmata.com/safetrack).

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***Enjoy a safe and reflective Memorial Day weekend!***



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**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>